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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23,29,31 and 33-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11,12,16-23,29 and 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10,13-15,33 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to communications: amendment/remarks filed 10/20/2005, to the original application filed 12/14/2001, PCT date 6/14/2000, provisional filing date of 6/14/1999. IDS filed 4/30/2002, and 3/22/2004 (enclosed herewith). Applicant references an IDS filed 12/11/2001, however, the examiner cannot find any IDS filed on or about said date within the record. Applicant is respectfully requested to resubmit said IDS with next correspondence.
2. The rejection of claims 24, 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.
3. The rejection of claims 1-10, 15, 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter has been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.
4. Claims 1-23, 29, 31, 33-35 pending. Claims 11-12, 16-23, 29, 31 remain withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-10, 13-15, 33-34 remain selected for examination of the merits. Claims 24-28, 30, 32 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9, 13, 14, 33, 34 are independent claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

5. **35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:**

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

6. **The claimed invention (as claimed in claim 14) is directed to non-statutory subject matter.**

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**In regard to independent claim 14**, the limitations of independent claim 14 do not appear to be directed to any of the technological arts. Claim 14 recites a system, but nothing in said claim directs said system to hardware (i.e. “a processor”). Without such a recitation, said claim remains directed to non-statutory subject matter.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. **Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wanderski et al. (hereinafter Wanderski), U.S. Patent No. 6,519,617 issued February 2003.**

**In regard to independent claim 34**, Wanderski discloses transformation (using software) for converting an XML document with DTD into a new transformed document reflective of an XML dialect (Wanderski column 4 lines 25-42). A plurality of DTDs are generated, as needed, so that a document (an output file) will conform to its new DTD accordingly (Wanderski column 11, lines 60-67). In this fashion, various documents are “disambiguated” via compliance with their respective (different) DTDs, changing all, or portions of documents as necessary.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

8. **The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:**

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. **Claims 1-10, 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wanderski et al. (hereinafter Wanderski), U.S. Patent No. 6,519,617 issued February 2003.**

**In regard to independent claim 1**, Wanderski teaches creation of an XML “dialect” using dynamically selected transformations, comprising receiving a document (i.e. XML) and a DTD (Wanderski Abstract, column 4 lines 25-43). The XML document is parsed into a DOM tree of nodes which serves to map nodes to said XML document (Wanderski column 9 lines 9-12, column 7 lines 49-67). The DOM tree reflects a candidate path from node to node.

Wanderski alters (disambiguates) the DOM nodes accordingly (Wanderski column 11 lines 5-48). A new DTD is dynamically generated corresponding to the modified nodes of the DOM tree (Wanderski column 11 lines 59-67), therefore a new dialect of an XML document is created, so that when the new XML document is re-created, the new document is generated based upon instructions by the new DTD.

Wanderski does not specifically teach selection based upon “scoring” of candidate paths. However, Wanderski teaches redundancy reduction and default attribute values comprising reducing redundant nodes of a DOM tree, as well as keeping count of the number of times a value occurs, so as to determine a “default” value (Wanderski column 13 lines 44-53, column 14 lines 4-11). Since these methods of DOM alteration incorporate a form of tallying for statistical purposes, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the skilled artisan to keep score of the nodes (as explained above) so as to provide the benefit of streamlining the DOM tree for a more compact document.

**In regard to dependent claims 2-3**, Wanderski teaches a DTD further modifying an XML document (Wanderski column 7 lines 60-65, column 4 lines 34-39).

**In regard to dependent claims 4-8**, Wanderski does not specifically teach selection based upon “scoring” of candidate paths. However, Wanderski teaches redundancy reduction and default attribute values comprising reducing redundant nodes of a DOM tree, as well as keeping count of the number of times a value occurs, so as to determine a “default” value (Wanderski column 13 lines 44-53, column 14 lines 4-11). Since these methods of DOM alteration incorporate a form of tallying for statistical purposes, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the skilled artisan to keep score of the nodes (as explained above) so as to provide the benefit of streamlining the DOM tree for a more compact document.

**In regard to independent claim 9**, claim 9 incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

**In regard to dependent claim 10**, Wanderski alters (disambiguates) the DOM nodes accordingly (Wanderski column 11 lines 5-48). A new DTD is dynamically generated corresponding to the modified nodes of the DOM tree (Wanderski column 11 lines 59-67), therefore a new dialect of an XML document is created, so that when the new XML document is re-created, the new document is generated based upon instructions by the new DTD.

Wanderski does not specifically teach selection based upon “scoring” of candidate paths. However, Wanderski teaches redundancy reduction and default attribute values comprising reducing redundant nodes of a DOM tree, as well as keeping count of the number of times a value occurs, so as to determine a “default” value (Wanderski column 13 lines 44-53, column 14 lines 4-11). Since these methods of DOM alteration incorporate a

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form of tallying for statistical purposes, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the skilled artisan to keep score of the nodes (as explained above) so as to provide the benefit of streamlining the DOM tree for a more compact document.

**In regard to independent claim 13**, claim 13 reflects the computer program product comprising computer readable instructions used for performing the methods as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

**In regard to independent claim 14**, claim 14 reflects the system comprising computer readable instructions used for performing the methods as claimed in claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

**In regard to dependent claim 15**, Wanderski teaches a workstation (Wanderski Figure 1, column 5 lines 30-49, column 6 lines 10-21).

10. **Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wanderski, in view of Yamakawa et al. (hereinafter Yamakawa), U.S. Patent No. 5,907,851 issued May 1999.**

**In regard to independent claim 33**, Wanderski discloses transformation (using software) for converting an XML document with DTD into a new transformed document reflective of an XML dialect (Wanderski column 4 lines 25-42). A plurality of DTDs are generated, as needed, so that a document (an output file) will conform to its new DTD accordingly (Wanderski column 11, lines 60-67). In this fashion, various documents are “disambiguated” via compliance with their respective (different) DTDs, changing all, or portions of documents as necessary.

Wanderski does not specifically teach providing a set of two or more DTDs, and selecting one for conversion. However, Yamakawa teaches document conversion utilizing preparation of a plurality of document type definitions (DTDs) for switching and development of one or more DTDs (Yamakawa column 22 lines 22-32, Figure 67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply Yamakawa to Wanderski, providing Wanderski the benefit of predefined DTD selection for eventual adherence to various established standards.

### ***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14, 33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Wanderski teaches redundancy reduction and default attribute values comprising reducing redundant nodes of a DOM tree, as well as keeping count of the number of times a value occurs, so as to determine a "default" value. The examiner respectfully maintains his position that since these methods of DOM alteration incorporate a form of tallying for statistical purposes, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention for the skilled artisan to keep score of the nodes (as explained above) so as to provide the benefit of streamlining the DOM tree for a more compact document.

### ***Conclusion***

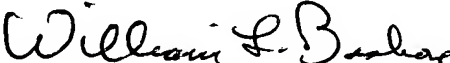
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Bashore whose telephone number is (571) 272-4088. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:30am - 8:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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